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Dear Colleague:

I would like to share with you the announcement of an exciting opportunity for students this summer at the U.S. Department of Education.

The U.S. Department of Education is currently accepting applications for the third year of the *Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars Program*. The program, which President George W. Bush announced on January 21, 2002, was established in commemoration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his contributions to civil and human rights in America. Under this initiative, continuing college juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible to apply for an eight-week paid internship in the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C. We expect to select up to ten students for this prestigious honor. The students will be placed either in my office or in the office of one of my Assistant Secretaries, where they will gain experience in policy analysis and development. This program is an exceptional way for outstanding students to learn about the federal role in education and to understand better the value of government service.

Enclosed is a Fact Sheet outlining the specifics of the *Scholars Program*. The recruitment announcement is available on the following federal job information Web sites: www.ed.gov; www.usajobs.opm.gov; and www.studentjobs.gov. I hope you will be able to publicize this opportunity on your campus and encourage many of your best and brightest students to apply.

Thank you for your assistance with the *Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars Program* and for your commitment to our nation's students.

Sincerely,

Rod Paige

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